"मिग" विमान का विफल रहना

3194. **डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 12 मई, 1993 के टाइम्स आफ इंडिया में "74 पी० सी० मिग इंजिन्स फेल्ड प्रीमैच्युरली" शीर्षक से छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि मिग-29 विमानों, जिन्हें वर्ष 1989 में सैन्य शक्ति में शामिल किया गया था, के इंजनों में व्यापक खामियां पैदा होने के कारण, उनकी उड़ानों पर समय-पूर्व ही रोक लगा दी गई थी ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) विक्रेताओं द्वारा इनकी कितनी मियाद होने का दावा किया गया है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) यद्यपि, अन्य वायुयानों के इंजनों को सामान्य रूप से लौटाए जाने की तुलना में मिग-29 वायुयानों के इंजनों को लौटाए जाने की घटनाएं कुछ ही अधिक हुई हैं । फिर भी, इससे इन वायुयानों की कार्यक्षमता पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ने दिया गया है ।

(घ) इस वायुयान की मियाद 21 वर्ष है और कुल तकनीकी मियाद 2500 घंटे हैं ।

Bank Guarantee for Small Scale Sector

3195. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that small scale units are required to furnish 100 per cent Bank Guarantee to get an order from CSD for newly introduced items while bigger units having more than Rs. 3 crores turn-over are exempted from this requirement;

(b) whether it is a fact that this condition was not exercised till very recently;

(c) what are the reasons for this condition that small scale units have to incur while large units are exempted from tendering such a Bank Guarantee for this purpose; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve same condition for small units as is given to large units when they get a new order for a newly introduced item?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) All the suppliers seeking introduction of any item (other than contract rum) in the Canteen Stores Department (CSD) for the first time are required to furnish a Bank Guarantee for the full value of the stocks offered, until that product has achieved a certain level of sales performance. Only such suppliers whose products have been in CSD's inventory for more than five years, and the total sales turn-over in respect of all of whose items supplied to CSD, exceeds Rs. 3 crores per annum, are exempted from furnishing the aforesaid Bank Guarantee. The requiremnt of a Bank Guarantee with the aforestated exception, is applicable to all suppliers, irrespective of whether the supplier belongs to the large scale sector or the small scale. The decision to increase the amount of Bank Guarantee from 75% of the value to 100% was implemented from August, 1992 onwards to ensure that unsold inventories for new items should remain low and thereby improve the cost-efficiency of CSD operations.

Light transport aircraft

3196. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item published in the Economic Times of 4th August, 1993 under the caption 'Light Transport Aircraft's take off delayed'; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Necessary action has already been initiated to facilitate early release of funds requested by the National Aerospace Laboratories which is involved in the design of the aircraft.